Consideration of the dedication of the Weiler-Leopold Nature Preserve in Warren County

The proposed Nature Preserve is a 178.967 acre property that is located along the eastern border of Warren County, approximately 20 miles southwest of West Lafayette. It is immediately adjacent to Black Rock Barrens Nature Preserve. This nature preserve protects examples of open oak woodlands and floodplain forest natural communities, as well as extensive forest plantings and a tallgrass prairie planting. It is located within the Entrenched Valley Section of the Central Till Plain Natural Region. The Nature Preserve consists of extensive frontage along both the Wabash River and Little Pine Creek.

This Nature Preserve is named after its former co-owners owners. Emanuel Weiler, founding dean of Purdue's School of Management and of the Krannert Graduate School, and, A. Carl Leopold, internationally known plant physiologist and son of Aldo Leopold, the naturalist. It was acquired in 1999 with acquisition funding support by the Indiana Heritage Trust, the Roy Whistler Foundation, and the Sycamore Audubon Society, the families of Weiler, Leopold, and Sanna, along with additional individuals, families, groups and business.

This tract is owned and managed by the NICHES Land Trust, Inc.

The Division of Nature Preserves recommends dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A.

Weiler-Leopold Nature Preserve

County: Warren Size: 178.967 acres

NRC Exhibit A

USGS Quad Map: Attica and Westpoint Ownership: NICHES Land Trust

